

### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled).

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~~Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, An apparatus, comprising:~~

~~a first member;~~

~~a second member releasably attached to the first member; and~~

~~a control line shear mechanism disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member, wherein:~~

~~the first and second members are moveable in an axial direction to release from one another;~~

~~the control line shear mechanism comprises a first shear member attached to the first member and a second shear member attached to the second member; and~~

~~the first and second shear members are adapted to cooperatively shear a control line as the first and second members separate.~~

~~Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, An apparatus, comprising:~~

~~a first member;~~

~~a second member releasably attached to the first member; and~~

~~a control line shear mechanism disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member.~~

~~wherein the control line shear mechanism is integral to the first and second member.~~

Claim 5 (canceled).

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~~Claim 6 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, An apparatus, comprising:~~  
~~a first member;~~  
~~a second member releasably attached to the first member; and~~  
~~a control line shear mechanism disposed proximate an interface between the first member~~  
~~and the second member.~~  
~~wherein the control line shear mechanism comprises a solenoid driven cutter.~~

Claim 7 (canceled).

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~~Claim 8 (original): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first and second members~~  
~~are releasably attached to each other by a release mechanism.~~

~~Claim 9 (original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the release mechanism~~  
~~comprises a shear element.~~

~~Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the control line shear~~  
~~mechanism comprises a control line passageway within the first and second members.~~

~~Claim 11 (original): The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the control line passageway~~  
~~comprises a recess on the external surface of the first and second members.~~

~~Claim 12 (previously amended) An apparatus, comprising:~~

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a first tubular member;  
a second tubular member releasably attached to the first tubular member;  
the first and second tubular members are moveable in an axial direction to release from one another;

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a control line shear mechanism, disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member, comprising a first and second control line shear member;

the first control line shear member being attached to the first tubular member;  
the second control line shear member being attached to the second tubular member; and  
the first and second control line shear members are adapted to cooperatively shear a control line as the first and second tubular members separate.

Claim 13 (original): A shear sub, comprising:

a first member;  
a second member releasably attached to the first member;  
the first and second members defining a control line passageway; and  
the control line passageway comprising a pair of shearing blades adapted to shear a control line during release.

Claim 14 (original): The shear sub of claim 13, wherein the control line passageway is positioned at an angle to the direction of release.

Claim 15 (original): The shear sub of claim 14, wherein the control line passageway comprises a recess on the external surface of the first and second members.

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Claim 16 (original): The shear sub of claim 14, wherein the control line passageway comprises a passageway enclosed within the first and second members.

Claims 17-20 (canceled).

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Claim 21 (original): A method, comprising:  
separating a first member from a second member; and  
before or during the separating step, cutting a control line proximal to the point of separation of the first and second members.

Claim 22 (original): The method of claim 21, wherein the first and second members comprise a safety joint.

Claim 23 (original): The method of claim 22, wherein the safety joint is used to connect two segments of a tubular string within a wellbore.

Claim 24 (original): The method of claim 23, wherein the safety joint comprises a control line cutting mechanism that cuts the control line as the first and second members are separated.

Claim 25 (original): The method of claim 21, wherein the separation of the first member from the second member is independent from the cutting of the control line.

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Claim 26 (original): The method of claim 25, wherein the cutting of the control line is achieved using a solenoid driven cutter.

Claim 27 (original): The method of claim 25, wherein the cutting of the control line is achieved using a hydraulically driven cutter.

Claim 28 (canceled).

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~~Claim 29 (currently amended): The method of claim 28, further comprising: A~~  
method of completing a well comprising:

providing a tubular string comprising a safety sub, the safety sub including a point of separation and comprising a control line cutting mechanism;

attaching a control line to the tubular string, the control line being disposed through the control line cutting mechanism;

inserting the tubular string and control line into the well;

separating the tubular string at the safety sub; and

cutting the control line with the control line cutting mechanism.

Claim 30 (original): The method of claim 29, further comprising:

removing the upper portion of the separated tubular string and the upper portion of the <sup>cut</sup> sheared control line from the well.